(*d*) where the recommendations carried out by the Assistant Engineer, if so, when, if not, why;

(*e*) what are the facilities for the conveyance of sick labourers to and from the base dispensary where they are treated;

(*f*) is an ambulance van placed at the disposal of the Sub-assistant Surgeon for easy access to the patients and back to the base;

(*g*) if not, why;

(*h*) were the doctor and his staff supplied with mosquito curtains and other necessary accessories to ward off the attack of malaria;

(*i*) if the answer is in the negative, why were they not supplied yet?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The sanitary conditions at Vazhachalkuthu are good and have been so always.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There have been four reports. They are dated 29th Thulam 1120, 23rd Mithunam, 1120, 23rd Mithunam 1120 and 7th Kanni 1121.

(*d*) *Report No. 1, dated 29th Thulam 1120* deals with distribution of quine and the spraying of pyrethum. These are works to be done under the supervision of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

*Report No. 2, dated 22rd Mithunam 1120.* This report deals with some of the construction camps on the road. This report was in the month of Mithunam when there was no incidence of malaria in the area. Some of the camp sites were also at places where it is unnecessary to make such shurb clearances. These are works which the Sub-Assistant Surgeon himself might have got done.

*Report No. 3, dated 23rd Mithunam 1120.* This deals with the quality of rice supplied. The Director of Food Supplies was written to and it was not then possible to give any special treatment to the labourers of the Anamallais road. Regarding vitamin tables, the doctor was not quite definite and no action was thought to be necessary nor was it possible to take any on that report.

*Report No. 4, dated 7th Kanni 1121* deals with sanitary condition of camps. The camps have been put up as per the standards usually adopted in these areas, and no modification was thought to be necessary.

(*e*) Government lorries go to Vazhachal and back every day, and the sick labourers used to be transported in them.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) Please see answer to (*e*)

(*h*) No.

(*i*) They were halting at Pariyaram which is not generally considered as a malarial place

**PEST—KOLE CULTIVATION**

**698. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the "punja" or "kole" cultivations of this year within the Kunnamkulam Constituency have been attacked by a severe pest popularly known as "കതകതാ";

(*b*) whether the Government has realised the virulent nature of this pest;

(*c*) how many acres of land have been infected by this pest now;

(*d*) whether Government has made any inquiry or investigation about this pest during this year;

(*e*) whether the Government has made any attempt to find out any preventive measures for this pest;

(*f*) if so, when and what is the preventive measure suggested by the Government?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen** *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The exact area is not known. The infestation was not at all severe.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. The pest is tackled by the following measures. The nature of the measure to be adopted will depend upon the degree and nature of infestation and the environment in which the pest occurs.

(*f*) 1. Flooding, Trenching, Sweeping, letting in of ducks and similar mechanical measures.

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2. Kerosinising, dusting of calcium Arsenate, "Germmexane" D 919 and similar insecticides.

3. Application of stimulents, chiefly ammonium sulphate.

## COLLECTIVE FARM CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

**699. Mr. P. K. Paul** *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) was a joint memorandum embodying the working of the collective farms submitted by the joint Executive Committee of the Anamalais and Kormalai Collective Farming Co-operative Societies Ltd., to the Government towards the end of September, 1944;

(*b*) did Government dispose of the matter, if so, how;

(*c*) if not, what is the reason for this delay in dealing and disposing of the matter;

(*d*) do not Government intend to encourage such a new tenure of agricultural importance?

**Mr. Parambi Lonappen** *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All the requests except the request for lease of some lands were disposed of. A copy of the Memo issued in the matter is appended. *(Please see Appendix I).*

(*c*) The question of leasing lands to the Societies is under the consideration of Government.

(*d*) Yes.

## APPLICATIONS FROM TEACHERS—APPOINTMENTS IN THE FOOD SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

**700. Mr. C. S. Panicker** *(Adur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was a flood of applications from the teachers requesting the Government to take them over to the other departments when the Food Supplies Department was constituted;

(*b*) whether the Government passed any order that teachers will not be taken to the other departments as they have special qualifications over and above the literary qualification;

(*c*) have the Government come to know the reason why the teachers wanted to quit the teaching service;

(*d*) have the Government received representations regarding the inadequacy of the pay of teachers;

(*e*) what the average daily wage of an unskilled labourer in town parts was in 1120;

(*f*) what it was in villages;

(*g*) what the average daily income of a Malayalam P3 teacher was in 1120 including dearness allowance;

(*h*) what the actual average daily income of an aided school Malayalam P3 teacher was in the same period;

(*i*) have the Department of Education recommended any increase of the salary of teachers;

(*j*) have the Government revised the salary of any of their officers during the war;

(*k*) who are these officers;

(*l*) have the Government passed orders in the matter of revising the salary of teachers?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) Yes. A large number of applications was received by Government.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Probably, in the new departments they expected more pay.

(*d*) Yes. They have received representations.

(*e*) Rs. 1—8—0 to Rs. 2—4—0.

(*f*) Rs. 1—4—0 to Rs. 2.

(*g*) Re. 1.

(*h*) Re. 1.

(*i*) Yes

(*j*) Yes. They have revised the pay of certain officers.

(*k*) A list is placed on the Table.

(*l*) Yes. They have passed orders revising the salary of teachers.

## TAMIL PANDIT—CHITTUR TALUK

**701.** മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. എസ്സ്. തേവണ്ണകവുണ്ടൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവ ൺമെണ്ട് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ചിറ്റൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ തമിഴ് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിനായി എത്തേത്ര സ്കൂളിൽ തമിഴ് പണ്ഡിതന്മാരേയോ പണ്ഡിതകളേയോ ആണ് നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്;

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